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EVENTS OF THE DAY

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

PREPARED FOR THE BUSY READER

Less important but not less interesting happenings from points outside the state.

Aviation contests began at Los Angeles Monday.

Food is getting scarce in Chicago and prices are soaring.

Guggenheim proposes Federal control of the copper market.

Roosevelt and party have reached the land of the white rhinoceros.

Japan opposes Knox's plan for neutralizing the Manchurian railway.

When Pinchot left his office for good he was given an ovation by his employees.

Boston's strictly non-partisan political campaign cost the candidates about \$250,000.

A. F. Potter, successor to Pinchot, is a former sheep owner and an expert on range conditions.

A blasting accident on the Oregon Trunk killed several Italian laborers and wounded a contractor.

The national wool growers association in session at Ogden selected Portland for its meeting place in '11.

Over one-third of the students in Tulare college in New Orleans have been found to be infected with hookworm.

A balloon with three men and two women reached a height of one mile and traveled 25 miles at the Los Angeles aviation meet.

Cardinal Sattoli is dead.

The new chief forester is a Western man, formerly a grazing expert.

The paper board trust has been indicted for restraint of trade.

Many cougars and wildcats are being killed near Hoquiam, Wash.

A rumor that J. P. Morgan was flying almost threw Wall street into a panic.

Report of the French minister of justice shows an alarming increase in crime.

Secretary Knox dispels the dream of Mexico for a protectorate over Nicaragua.

Wool men in convention at Ogden cheered when told that Pinchot had been discharged.

For the third time a bomb has been found in the yard of a fashionable Denver residence.

Another rich woman in Philadelphia has come to the aid of the striking shirt-waist makers.

Chief Forester Pinchot, Assistant Forester Price and Assistant Law Officer Shaw were removed from office by the president.

Nine Californians were killed by eating canned peaches.

A bill has been introduced for full registry and a ship subsidy.

A big land steal on the shores of Lake Michigan is being investigated.

Bloody finger prints on a railroad ticket led to the arrest of two French murderers.

Morgan's bank trust has absorbed another institution with a capital of over \$60,000,000.

A universal cold wave is spread all over the United States, but in Alaska it is unusually warm.

Insurgent Republicans in congress say patronage will be withdrawn from them as a punishment.

De la Grange, a noted French aviator was killed by the collapse of his aeroplane during a flight.

Representative Adair says a president who can't save money on a \$50,000 a year salary is not fit to manage the affairs of this nation.

A California observer figures that the earth will pass through the tail of Halley's comet May 16, but he does not venture to say whether any ill results will follow.

Archbishop Ireland defends King Leopold's administration of the Congo states.

Zelaya says he has abundant proof that American marines aided the revolutionists against him.

J. P. Morgan, T. F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton form a \$150,000,000 bank trust in New York city.

President Taft listened patiently to the committee of railroad presidents but will not change the tone of his forthcoming message to congress.

A millionaire cattleman of Texas gave his three children \$2,000,000 worth of property each for a Christmas present.

The bartender of an American hotel in Havana refused to serve two negro congressmen and a riot followed. Further trouble is expected.

It is claimed that the recent aeroplane carnival in France frightened all the birds from the vicinity.

Over 50,000 people attended President Taft's New Year's reception.

Postal deficit for 1909 is \$17,441,719.

FRANCE FAVORS OPEN DOOR.

Doubts, However, Whether Knox's Position Can Be Maintained.

Paris, Jan. 11.—Although France favors the preservation of the open-door policy and Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria, it considers that the issues raised by the American proposition to neutralize the Manchurian railways primarily concern Russia and Japan. The French reply to the American memorandum, therefore, is likely to be determined by the attitude of Russia, France's ally. The French press regards the question as complicated. The Figaro thinks the United States is trying to retrieve the mistake of 1904-05, when it backed Japan to get Russia out of Manchuria, only to find that Japan had supplemented her there without benefit to the open door.

"Even if Russia accepts," says one paper, "Japan is not likely to agree. England is bound by a Japanese alliance, and a similar reserve is imposed upon us for like and other reasons." The Matin believes that France will follow Russia's lead. Gil Blas expresses the opinion that the situation is filled with gunpowder, and declares that the real issue is commercial supremacy in China, for which the United States and Japan are struggling. It charges that the entire aim of American diplomacy is directed to that end, and insists that the United States has pushed China to resistance in every struggle with Japan. "Even after the arrangements of October 4, last year," continues the paper, "in which China agreed not to construct a railroad in competition with the South Manchurian, American support comes forward for the construction of the Chin Chow Fu-Tai-shan line."

"Now America proposes to go further and force Japan back into Corea, and thus render effective Chinese domination of Manchuria, which today is purely nominal." Secretary Knox's arguments dwell upon the advantages of terminating the cause of constantly renewed disputes in Manchuria, but it is proper to ask whether the aim of the United States is always to the benefit of humanity and not to the promotion of her own interests. Tokio must give the answer. Already the Yankee policy has compelled Japan to take the military precautions that so greatly alarmed Russia. Japan knows how to act quickly. Therefore the Japanese response will be awaited with inquietude.

MILLIONS POSTAL GAIN.

Increase Over 1908 Is \$12,983,730, or Six Per Cent Advance.

Washington, Jan. 11.—As a business institution the postoffice department, next to the United States treasury, is the greatest in the government. According to figures submitted today by Charles E. Grandfield, first assistant postmaster general, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, in his annual report, the gross revenue of the postal service reached the enormous total of \$203,562,353, an increase of \$12,983,730, or 6.31 per cent over the preceding year.

There were 60,144 postoffices in operation on June 30, 1909. During the year 1626 postmasters were appointed at presidential offices. At fourth-class offices 9161 postmasters were appointed. Concerning the routine of his bureau, Mr. Grandfield says: "The retention of a fourth-class postmaster during satisfactory service has become the established practice of the department, and the policy of recommending the reappointment of presidential postmasters who have proved efficient has been followed consistently, with highly beneficial results." "It is recommended that the law be so amended as to provide for the advancement of an office of the fourth class to the presidential class whenever the compensation of the postmaster amounts to \$1000 and the gross annual receipts to \$1900 for four successive quarters."

Mr. Grandfield makes a strong argument in favor of 30 days' annual leave of clerks and carriers in first-class and second-class offices.

Potter's Work for West.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 11.—A. F. Potter, on his way to Washington, D. C., to succeed Gifford Pinchot as head of the forest service, stated today that his experience and personal knowledge of western conditions undoubtedly would bring the forestry service and the west into closer harmony and that his policy would be more favorable to western industries.

"I expect my relations with the western interests to be most congenial," he said. "I desire to work in harmony with the livestock associations, to promote the fullest use of the national forest ranges, to foster the stock interests and promote the general welfare of the west."

China Pins Faith in Beckhill.

Pekin, Jan. 11.—The highest government officials are pessimistic with regard to British support of the proposals of the American government relative to the Manchurian railways, and believe that more active German support would bring about a realization of the scheme. The Chinese government is placing reliance in W. W. Beckhill, the American ambassador at St. Petersburg, to secure a Russian assent to the proposal, which would also mean French support.

Davis Represents U. S.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The fourth Pan-American conference to be held in Buenos Ayres in July is now occupying the attention of officials of the state department and others interested in the meeting. The United States committee has elected Major General George W. Davis, United States army, retired, as one of its members, and appointed a committee to urge upon congress a proper appropriation for the participation of the United States.

Ice Gorge Breaks Loose.

Mount Carmel, Ill., Jan. 11.—A heavy ice gorge in the Washburn river broke loose unexpectedly today, causing a property loss of \$75,000 and sweeping away two steam ferryboats while their crews were asleep.

HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND OREGON

WET 65,000 ACRES.

Big Project in Baker County Only Waits for Settled Weather.

Baker City—With the opening of spring work will begin on the two reservoirs planned by the Powder Valley Irrigation company, the main reservoir being situated in the Thief river valley, located on the old Flak and Gilbert ranches, seven miles east of North Powder and 20 miles north of Baker City. This reservoir will conserve 60,000 acre feet of water. The other reservoir, is to be situated about 30 miles northwest of Baker City, at the half way house on the Union stage line, near Sanger, and will conserve about 24,000 acre feet of water.

When completed, the entire system will irrigate about 65,000 acres of land, extending from the Miles bridge east to what is known as Table rock, or five miles east of Goose creek, on both sides of Powder river, covering a strip of fine land about 30 miles wide. The immensity of this irrigation scheme can hardly be realized, but the difference in the amount of hay, grain of all kinds, fruit and what not, that will be produced on these broad acres in the very near future, will tell the tale in the farmers' bank accounts.

IMPROVEMENTS ON O. R. & N

Coyote, Umattila, May Be Divided—Umattila May Be Abandoned.

Pendleton—It now seems that the long pending Coyote-Echo cutoff on the O. R. & N. is to become a reality soon. Rumors are current here among railroad people that the sum of \$7,074,625 has been appropriated for that purpose. This, coming on the heels of the announcement that \$1,920,000 has been set aside for elimination of curves between Yoakum and Pendleton, means that the O. R. & N. contemplates the expending of nearly \$2,000,000 on improvements in Umattila and Morrow counties, as it is now understood that the big cutoff is to be made from Coyote to Echo, via Standfield, that will eliminate 8.8 miles of present trackage. Coyote is to be made a terminal, as it is understood the order calls for terminal improvements, including a ten stall roundhouse. The general understanding is that, as far as the main line is concerned, Umattila will cease to be a division point. It is a matter of speculation as to what route the cutoff will take, as engineers have surveyed three possible routes. As to the improvement between this city and Yoakum, it is said the work will reduce the distance 1 1/2 miles. The maximum curvature will be about four degrees, while at present it is ten. The stretch of track at Horseshoe curve will be brought up to a standard roadbed.

Northern Umattila Gets Telephone.

Pendleton—After many years of waiting the Holdman country is to have telephone communication with the outside world. The work of distributing the poles has been started and the stringing of wires will follow in a few days. It is said that the line will be in operation by the first of February. This line is considered important for the reason that it will cover a vast expanse of country which has hitherto been without wire communication. The main line will be 20 miles long, will consist of four wires and will be put up in a very substantial manner. In addition to the main line there will be numerous feeders added from time to time until the whole northwestern part of the country is covered. To begin with, 18 ranches will be supplied with the phones, but it is expected that this number will be rapidly increased.

Defective Lemons Destroyed.

Roseburg—California lemons covered with parasite, known as oyster shell scale, has been discovered in Roseburg by the fruit inspector. The lemons were shipped to a Portland commission firm. Acting on instructions from District Horticultural Commissioner Carson, Grants Pass, Inspector McCall had them destroyed. Carson stated that if California is going to continue to send such fruit into the state, Oregon will have to compel an inspection before sale. This is a condition already imposed by California on fruit shipped from Oregon.

Pendleton Debates to Start.

Pendleton—The preliminary debating for the high school league will commence on the evening of January 14, and on that evening Pendleton will have two teams on the rostrum. One will debate the Athens high school in this city, while the other will meet Weston. The subject for debate is, "Resolved, That life imprisonment, with restrictive power of pardon, should be substituted for capital punishment in the state of Oregon."

Cool Bay Men Adopt Slogan.

Marshfield—"Better fruit, more of it and better prices," was the slogan adopted by the Cool Bay Fruit Growers association at the annual meeting. The organization will take steps toward securing a cannery to create a greater market. F. M. Hall Lewis was elected president.

Wallows Postoffice Goes Up.

Wallows—Postmaster Tulley has received notice that the Wallows postoffice will be placed in the third class list January 1, and that his salary will be increased to \$1,200 per annum. The advance is due to the rapid increase of business which this office has shown.

LAND READY FOR WATER.

Owyhee Ditch Company, Too, Will Join in Larger Plan.

Ontario—A plan to include all acreage covered by the ditches in the new public irrigation district being formed near Ontario, to water lands below the Malheur river and along the Owyhee river in Malheur county, through the extension of the Boise-Owyhee project is being worked out here. The acreage to be watered may reach 150,000 acres.

Not only do the directors of the Owyhee Ditch company propose to extend its canals to irrigate the arid lands, but it is now proposed to work into the general project a plan by which the so-called wet lands can be included, providing the owners consent to come into the project. Petitions for the creation of the proposed district were presented to the county court of Malheur county at Vale December 5, but a postponement was asked for the purpose of allowing wet land owners to come into the Owyhee district and also give the owners consent to an agreement to be reached practically every acre of land lying below the Malheur river will be included in the one irrigation project.

MANY POTATOES ARE LOST.

Prolonged Cold Spell Prevents Digging the Crop.

Salem—From \$5,000 to \$7,000 worth of potatoes have been frozen in the ground in the vicinity of Salem since the recent prolonged cold spell began. Because of peculiar weather conditions it has been impossible to dig the potatoes this fall and probably more than half of the crop still remains in the ground and now the report comes from different localities that the potatoes in some districts is frozen to a depth of five inches.

The early fall began with heavy rains and the farmers were unable to take care of the potato crop. Following the continued rains came the cold spell, increasing in severity until the damage has followed. Some growers say that part of their crop that was dug was ruined while others are keeping firms in their potato houses all in the effort to save the crop that was gathered.

Potatoes are selling in Salem at 50 cents a bushel, but in view of the damage done growers confidently expect to get \$1.25 before the new crop comes in.

Woodburn Asks \$10,000 for Armory.

Salem—F. W. Settlemyer, captain of Company I, Oregon National guard, located at Woodburn, has asked the county court for Marion county for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose of erecting an armory in that city. Captain Settlemyer sets forth in his petition that the state military board will set aside a similar sum so that a creditable building can be built at Woodburn adequate for all purposes.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Bluestem, \$1.21; club, \$1.11@1.12; Red Russian, \$1.10; Valley, \$1.08.

Barley—Feed and brewing, \$30@30.50 per ton.

Corn—Whole, \$35; cracked, \$36 ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$22.50@23 ton.

Hay—Track prices: Timothy; Willamette Valley, \$18@22; alfalfa, \$17@18; clover, \$16@17; cheat \$16@17; grain hay, \$16@17.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, \$1@3 box; pears, \$1@1.50 per box; cranberries, \$9 per barrel.

Potatoes—Car load buying prices: Oregon, 65@85c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 per dozen; cabbage, \$2 per hundred; cauliflower, \$1.75 per doz.; celery \$3.50 per crate; garlic 10c pound; horseradish 2 1/2c per pound; pumpkins, 1 1/2@2 1/2c; sprouts, 6@7c; squash, 1@1 1/2c; tomatoes, \$1.50@2.25 per box; uelns, \$1.50 per sack; carrots, \$1; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.50.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.50 per sack.

Butter—City creamery extra, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 34@38c; store, 22 1/2@24c. Butter fat prices average 1 1/2c per pound under regular butter prices.

Poultry—Hens, 16 1/2@17c; springs, 18c; ducks, 20c; geese, 13c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, 22 1/2@23c.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon extras, 39@40c per dozen; Eastern, 25@27 1/2c per doz.

Cheese—Full cream twins, 18@18 1/2c per pound; young Americans, 19@19 1/2c.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound.

Veal—Extras, 11 1/2@12c per pound.

Cattle—Best steers, \$4.75@4; fair to good, \$4.25@4.50; medium and feeders, \$3.50@4; cows, top, \$3.50@4; poor to good, \$3.00@3.50; common to medium, \$2.50@3.75; bulls, \$3.25@3.50; heavy, \$4.00@4.75.

Hogs—Best, \$8.75@9.05; medium, \$7.75@8.50; stockers, \$6.50@7.25.

Sheep—Best wethers, \$6.50@6; fair to good, \$4.50@5.00; ewes, 1/2c less; yearlings, best, \$5.00@5.25; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; lambs, \$6@6.25.

Hops—'10 crop, 20@22c; olds, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c pound; mohair, choice, 25c pound.

Hides—Dry hides, 18@18 1/2c per pound; dry kip, 18@18 1/2c pound; dry calfskin, 19@21 1/2c pound; salted hides, 10@10 1/2c; salted calfskin, 15c pound; green, 1c less.

COLD UNPRECEDENTED.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—What was looked upon as an exciting weather drama, when the present stressful cold was in process of sweeping eastward from the Rockies and from Medicine Hat to the Atlantic seaboard, is fast assuming an aspect of dire tragedy. The situation is full of dire possibilities of exposure and suffering. Already the blight of the severe cold has been felt in many Western cities.

Fifty or more persons, a score of whom are in hospitals with injuries that may prove fatal, were the victims of accidents in Washington today as a result of the sleet and snow which converted the city's sidewalks and thoroughfares into sheets of ice.

In many parts of Iowa the fuel situation is so grave as to call for the official attention of Governor Carroll. Confiscation of fuel is becoming general.

Here in Chicago there is only a two days' supply of coal available for quick use. Today there was widespread suffering in the city. Chicago is also threatened with the cutting off of its water supply, due to ice floes clogging the cribs in the lake.

In the far Northwest and on the ranges of Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming hundreds of cattle have perished of exposure, starvation and lack of water.

For the first time in the memory of most persons living, the Mississippi River is frozen from bank to bank from St. Louis to a point 60 miles below that city. By tomorrow morning it is predicted one might skate on the river from St. Paul to Memphis. Cincinnati reports that ice gorges have caused a loss of \$40,000, and that a wave of high water and ice is coming down the river, carrying destruction in its path.

STRENUOUS LIFE TELLS.

Thirty-five Pittsburg Captains of Industry Die This Winter.

Pittsburg, Jan. 7.—The strenuous life of Pittsburgers in their desire to amass millions as quickly as possible is thinning the ranks of the big captains of industry and depleting the swell clubs which house the millionaires. Heart disease has recently taken very prominent men, all worth millions, including: Frank B. Smith, president of the Crucible Steel company of America.

James W. Friend, vice-president of Pressed Steel Car company.

William Clark Magee, who made millions in coke.

William Metcalf, president of the Braeburn Steel company.

John Caldwell, treasurer of the great Westinghouse Electrical & Airbrake works, who died at his desk.

James W. Brown, ex-congressman and millionaire steel magnate, died at a hunting club, where he had gone to recuperate.

Simon O'Donnell, vice-president and general manager of the Union Stock Yards company.

Albert B. Baker, broker, oil and gas magnate.

John P. Ober, owner of vast business interests.

George L. Fisher, president of the Fisher Foundry & Machine company.

Twenty-five other men have died suddenly this winter, their wealth ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Heart disease was the cause in nearly every case.

WILL OF 21 WORDS LEFT.

Vast Estate of \$4,000,000 Disposed of by George McNear.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—The will of the late George W. McNear, the millionaire millowner, who died here last week, has been filed for probate. The will consists of only twenty-one words. "By the terms of the instrument his widow, Mrs. Amanda McNear, is bequeathed his estate, amounting to \$4,000,000, and made sole executrix without bonds.

No mention was made in the will for the six children of McNear, who are Mrs. A. Bowles, John A. McNear, Fred W. McNear, George W. McNear, Jr., Seward McNear and S. Elizabeth McNear, as the late millionaire put absolute trust in the ability of his wife to carry out an adjustment of his estate equitable to all.

Taft Coming West Again.

Washington, Jan. 7.—President Taft is still looking forward to a trip to Alaska late in the coming spring. He plans to go to the far northwestern territory immediately after the adjournment of congress. In announcing to a committee of New York congressmen today that he could not definitely accept their invitation to visit New York on May 30, the President said he might be on his way to Alaska at that time, or that congress might be in its closing days. In the latter event, he would not care to leave Washington.

Fire Destroys Palace.

Athens, Jan. 7.—The royal palace at Tatoi caught fire at 10 o'clock tonight when the royal family were gathered around a Christmas tree. The flames spread, rapidly rising to a great height, and soon the right wing of the palace was practically destroyed. The fire is believed to have been due to illuminations on the tree.

The royal family escaped. So far as is known no one was injured. The king, who was not in the palace at the time, hastened home in a motor car.

Bourne Would Help Settlers.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Jonathan Bourne introduced a bill calling for \$250,000 for relief of Sherman county settlers who lost their claims because the court decided that their lands belonged to The Dallas Military Wagon Road company. Senator Bourne's bill bases all claims by settlers on T. B. Neuhausen's valuation of each tract and improvements made in 1904.

New York Recognizes Peary.

New York, Jan. 7.—Hailing him as the discoverer of the North Pole, the chamber of commerce today elected R. E. Peary an honorary member.

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